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வதற்குப் பயன்படுவதில்லை என்று. சில டாக்டர்கள் குடிகாரர் களுக்குச் சீட்டுக் கொடுப்பதன் மூலமாகவே ஏராளமாகப் பணம் சம்பாதித்து வருகிறார்கள். எனவே, இந்தக் காரணங்களைக் காட்டி, மது பானங்களுக்குச் சீட்டுக் கொடுக்க டாக்டர்களுக்கு வழங்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் உரிமையை அரசாங்கம் ரத்து செய்ய முன் வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : உயர்நீதிபதி அவர் களே இத்தகைய அபிப்பிராயம் தெரிவித்திருப்பதால்தான் இந்த அரசாங்கம் இனி என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளலாம் என்று பரிசீலனை செய்துகொண்டிருக்கிறது.

Family planning

* 354 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the steps taken to counteract the campaign against Family Planning?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No action has been considered necessary.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is the Hon. Minister aware that one Tamil daily is opposing this family planning tooth and nail and if so, what steps have been taken to counter the propaganda carried on by that daily?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : In such matters if we do not take notice and ignore them, that will have a natural death. Otherwise, if we take notice of it and do something, it has more publicity.

Sales tax

* 355 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether tanners have requested the Government to grant an extension of time for the payment of arrears of Sales tax;

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(*c*) the number of cases wherein tanners and leather merchants have been allowed to pay arrears of Sales tax in instalments?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) No general request is before the Government now, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) The particulars are not readily available. The time and labour involved in collecting the particulars will not be commensurate with the public interest that will be served in answering the question.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is the Hon. Minister aware that sales-tax authorities are taking coercive steps against assessees in spite of their being a slump in the leather trade, and if so, will the Government consider the desirability of allowing payment of arrears of sales tax to be made in easy instalments?

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government have done everything to relieve the distress among the assessees. In fact the sales tax accrued up to 1952–53 has been ordered to be collected in 72 instalments. Then the sales tax for 1957–58 relating to the North Arcot district, has been allowed to be collected in 12 equal monthly instalments. Therefore, I do not think that it is possible to extend the concession any further.

Sugar

* 356 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the total quantity of sugar received for distribution during Deepavali?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Two thousand seven hundred and fifty tons of sugar were received for distribution during Deepavali.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : In view of the inferior quality of sugar sold during Deepavali and thereafter, is there any proposal to reduce the price of sugar?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is no such proposal.

Taxi drivers

* 358 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether the Government have received any complaints recently from taxi drives regarding the "harassment" by the police?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Is the Hon. Minister at least aware of the fact that taxi drivers are always complaining that there is some sort of misunderstanding between the Police and their organization with the result that the police are tempted to launch cases against them without any basis?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I think the hon. Member must also be aware of the fact that some of the taxi drivers try to cause harassment to the police.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is it not a fact that taxi drivers are making flippant charges now and then against the police? If so, what steps have the Government taken to put down such flippant charges being made?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Whenever complaints are made, they are gone into on merits.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Government think of the possibility of effecting reapproachment between the police force and the taxi drivers by convening a small conference in which both would be represented and thus try to avoid the harassment caused to the police by taxi drivers and vice-versa?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that the relation between the police force and the taxi drivers is fairly cordial.